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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Farmer
ASSIGNEE : GANEDEN BIOTECH, INC.
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/369,016
FILING DATE : August 5, 1999
EXAMINER : D. Nikodem
ART UNIT : 1633
FOR : METHODS FOR INCREASING THE SOLUBILITY OF ESSENTIAL VITAMINS & MINERALS IN MAMMALS USING PROBIOTIC LACTIC ACID-PRODUCING BACTERIA, SYSTEMS, AND COMPOSITIONS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a Three (3) Month Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action, mailed March 29, 2000, in the above-identified application. With this Extension, the Response is due on or before September 29, 2000. A check in the amount of \$435.00, in payment of the fee as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 19374-504; GND-4). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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